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1. DURING MAY AUGUST 8 MEETING WITH FONMIN SUWAYDI TO REVIEW MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS, HE INQUIRED ABOUT CONTEMPLATED US ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON. HE SAID THAT LEBANON NEEDED LARGE AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE AND UAE WAS REVIEWING WHAT IT COULD DO. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THAT UAE AMBASSADOR ABD AL-MALIK HAD LEFT FOR BEIRUT TWO DAYS EARLIER TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID ON FINANCIAL AID TO REBUILD LEBANON. SUWAYDI SAID UAE WAS PROVIDING AT THIS TIME A GRANT OF \$8 MILLION FOR ECSONTRUCTION. THIS WAS OF COURSE IN ADDITION TO UAE CONTRIBUTION TO ARAB PEACEKEEPING FORCE (ABOUT \$30 MILLION A YEAR) AND PROJECT LOANS FROM ABU DHABI FUND.

2. I EXPRESSED BY APPRECIATION TO SUWAYDI FOR THIS NEWS. SECRET

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WHILE I DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO GIVE HIM ON ANTICIPATED US RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON, I UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WERE LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE CONSORTIUM TYPE APPROACH TO GET ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR LEBANON.

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